(c) and (d) The Railway Budget is prepared Railway zone-wise and not State-wise. Improvement/augmentation of amenities for passengers at stations including works of upgradation ofstations as Model stations are carried out under Plan Head — "Passenger Amenities". There are two Zonal Railways viz. Northern and North Western Railways which serve the State ofPunjab and there are four Zonal Railways viz. Central, Western, South Central and Southeast Central Railways which serve the State of Maharashtra. The allocation/expenditure under Plan head-q-"Passenger Amenities" for the last three years in these Zonal Railways falling in the State of Maharashtra and Punjab is shown in the table below:

(In Rs. crore)

Railways	2003-04-Actual Expenditure	2004-05-Actual Expenditure	2005-06 Revised Estimates (Allotment)
Central	19.32	15.36	19.55
Western	14.56	18.42	24.15
South Central	15.63	41.32	28.43
Southeast Central	5.23	8.37	11.98
Northern	27.37	27.79	30.29
North Western	6.50	6.75	10.29

Budget Estimates (Allotment) for the year 2006-07 have been reflected in the Railway Budget 2006-07.

Daily Service of Samata Express

703. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Samta Express between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh runs thrice a week;

(b) whether Railways are considering to extend its services from thrice a week to daily, in view of the heavy rush of the public; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, 8407/8408 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Hirakud Express (tri-weekly) has been extended upto Visakhapatnam from 23.12.2005.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway Tariff Authority

704. SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to constitute Railway Tariff Authority to ensure rationalization of tariffs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Authority is not required as the proposals for adjustments in Railways fares and freight rates included in the Railway Budget are debated and approved by the Parliament.

Progress of Multi Model Transport System

705. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, so far, only-50 per cent work has been completed on Multi Model Transport System of Falaknuma-Secunderabad project and